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(b) whether it is a fact that the Police severely beat them with lathis and canes;

(c) whether it is a fact that when they refused to disperse in spite of the severe beating they were all arrested and taken to the Police station;

(d) whether it is a fact that they were admitted into the Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore, for treatment; if so, whether the hon. the Home Member will be pleased to place a copy of the Accident Register or a statement of the District Medical Officer, regarding the number and nature of the injuries received by each of them; and

(e) what is the number of the Police that were utilized to beat and disperse the said procession?

A.—(a) *to* (c) On 13th April 1932 a procession about 35 strong, including five or six women, started to go round the town. It was stopped by the Police and the women were separated. The rest of the processionists were given due warning to disperse and, on their refusal, two cane charges were made. All the processionists were then arrested and taken to the Police station. With the exception of the leaders, the remainder were later released.

(d) & (e) The Government have no information, but will enquire.

Alleged arrest and detention of picketers in the lock-up at Mangalore.

* 150 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that picketers in Mangalore are arrested in the evening since the beginning of this month, taken to the lock-up and detained in the night and let off next morning at about 9 a.m.; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that they are not really supplied with any food, though the Station House Officer daily makes a bill for their feeding charges?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Alleged cruelty to picketers arrested in Mangalore.

* 151 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in Mangalore since the beginning of July picketers are arrested and kept in the lock-up during the nights and released next morning at about 9 a.m.;

(b) whether just before they are put in, the floor of the lock-up is watered profusely;

(c) whether all the clothes of the picketers are removed by the Police except a small loin cloth;

(d) whether it is a fact that they are not given any food at night;

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(*e*) whether it is a fact that they are not given any clothes or mats to lie upon but are made to lie on the wet floor without any clothes, starving and half-naked; and

(*f*) what action have the Government taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) Government have no information but have called for it.

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Lathi charge by the Police at Tanuku on 24th July 1932.

* 152 *Q.*—Mr. C. Indriah: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a lathi charge at Tanuku in the district of West Godavari on the 24th of July at 6 a.m.;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Tallapragada Narayanamurti and others were mercilessly beaten;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Tallapragada Narayanamurti received serious injuries on his head;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the said Mr. T. Narayanamurti was removed to the local Government hospital for treatment; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that one of his eyes was swollen as a result of the injuries received by him?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The facts as reported by the District Magistrate are as follows:—

An attempt was made to hold a conference at Tanuku on 24th morning in support of civil disobedience. The Police had previous intimation and obtained orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, on the previous day prohibiting all meetings and other Congress activities. At about 5 a.m. on 24th morning a batch of fourteen volunteers including one woman was found moving from the Canal bund towards the Town Hall carrying flags, leaflets, etc., and singing songs. The volunteers were warned by the Police to disperse, but, as they failed to do so, were dispersed by force. The leader, Tallapragada Narayanamurti, was arrested. Government have no information as to the nature of any injuries he may have received or as to the medical treatment given him.

Mr. C. Indriah:—"May I request the hon. the Home Member to call for information regarding the injuries inflicted according to the report of the medical people?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."